

**FISCAL NOTE
PUBLIC COST**

- I. Department Title: Health and Senior Services
Division Title: Community and Public Health
Chapter Title: Immunization Requirements for School Children**

Rule Number and Name:	19 CSR 20-28.010 Immunization Requirements for School Children
Type of Rulemaking:	Amendment

II. SUMMARY OF FISCAL IMPACT

Affected Agency or Political Subdivision	Estimated Cost of Compliance in the Aggregate
Department of Social Services – MO HealthNet Division	\$86,562 annually

III. WORKSHEET

Vaccine Fee

3,346 CHIP children x 41.7% x \$21.01 (state cost per vaccination) = \$29,315

70,000 VFC children x 41.7% x \$0.00 (funded 100% federally) = \$0

Administration Fee

3,346 CHIP children x 41.7% x \$1.28 (state portion of fee) = \$1,786

70,000 VFC children x 41.7% x \$1.90 (state portion of fee) = \$55,461

IV. ASSUMPTIONS

Approximately 140,000 children will enter sixth and twelfth grade next year (2014-2015 school year). Per the Population Estimate Survey for Missouri, roughly 50% (70,000) of these children would be eligible to receive the meningococcal vaccination at low or no cost in the upcoming school year through the federal Vaccines for Children program. All children served by MO HealthNet are eligible to receive Vaccines for Children program funded vaccine; therefore, there is no cost to the state's general revenue fund for the vaccine for these children.

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provides health coverage to Missouri children in families with incomes too high to qualify for Medicaid (MO HealthNet), but cannot afford private coverage. According to the Population Estimate Survey for Missouri, approximately 3,346 of the children entering sixth to twelfth grade in 2014-15 qualify for Missouri CHIP. Missouri's CHIP participants receive vaccinations that are provided under a state general revenue match agreement. The agreement is for the state to absorb 25.58% of the vaccine cost while the federal government assumes the

remaining cost. The vaccine is currently provided under a state contract at a cost of \$82.12 per vaccine. Therefore, the state's match cost is approximately \$21.01 ($\$82.12 \times 25.58\%$) for each meningococcal vaccination.

According to the 2012 National Immunization Survey, 58.3% of Missouri's school-aged children (13-17 years) are currently vaccinated against meningococcal disease even though it is not currently required for school attendance. Therefore, it is estimated that only 41.7% of this population will need to be vaccinated to meet this new rule.

In addition to the vaccine cost, providers may bill MO HealthNet a \$5.00 administration fee for each vaccination for all vaccinations provided under VFC and CHIP. The state portion of the federal match agreement for the administration fee is 38% for VFC participants and 25.58% for CHIP. Therefore, the state cost for administration of the vaccine is \$1.90 ($\$5.00 \times 38\%$) for each VFC participant and is \$1.28 ($\$5.00 \times 25.58\%$) for each CHIP participant.